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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO

1. FYI. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD  
RECEIVED THROUGH PAKISTAN EMBASSY:

QUOTE. AS THE AMERICAN NATION COMMEMORATES THE BICENTEN-  
NIAL OF ITS REVOLUTION I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU AND THE  
PEOPLE OF AMERICA OUR HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS ON THIS FES-  
TIVE OCCASION.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HAS LEFT AN INDELIBLE IMPRESSION ON  
HUMAN CIVILIZATION. AT THAT TIME WHEN IT TOOK PLACE IT  
REPRESENTED THE ULTIMATE IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR TO FOUND A SOCIAL  
AND POLITICAL SYSTEM THAT COULD BE AN ENDURING RESPONSE TO  
MAN'S QUEST FOR FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE. THE SYSTEM  
HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME. TWO HUNDRED YEARS LATER IT  
STILL REPRESENTS THE QUINTESSENCE OF ALL SOCIAL AND POLITICAL  
VIRTUES THAT MAN HAS CHERISHED AND ASPIRED FOR. THE TORCH  
OF FREEDOM WHICH WAS LIT THEN HAS SERVED AS A BEACON FOR  
PEOPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD STRUGGLING AGAINST COLONIALISM,  
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FOREIGN DOMINATION, AND OPPRESSION OF EVERY KIND.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN REFLECT ON THE TWO CENTURIES OF THEIR CREATIVE ACTIVITY WITH A SENSE OF PRIDE AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH OPTIMISM AND CONFIDENCE. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE GLORIOUS HERITAGE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL INSPIRE THEM TO EVER GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH IS PREDICATED ON SOME OF THE SHARED IDEALS AND ASPIRATIONS REFLECTED IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WILL CONTINUE TO GROW TO THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF OUR PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS. WE COUNT ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SUSTAIN ITS COMMITMENT TO WORLD PEACE AND A JUST AND SECURE INTERNATIONAL ORDER. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE PRIME MINISTER:

QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I JOIN IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST, BUT ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE IMPORTANT GOALS OUR NATIONS SHARE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.  
END QUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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